

# Town of Nelson

## Selectmen's Meeting 1:00 PM

May 26, 2021

Executive Board Attending: David Upton, Maury Collins, Edie Drinkwater, Admin. Assist.  
Gary Robinson was absent

Others attending: R. Pratt

At 1:06 PM David Upton opened the May 26, 2021 meeting of the Nelson Select Board.

- Following a review of a letter to "Those Concerned" regarding access to Partridge woods over Homestead Lane, David made a motion to approve the letter as written.

Maury seconded.

The motion carried 2-0.

David asked that the letter be sent to The Conservation Commission and to each person who has written letters or emails to the Selectmen regarding this matter.

- David then made a motion to approve a document titled Parking Lots Providing Access to Partridge Woods - A Component of the Partridge Woods Stewardship Plan.

Maury seconded.

The motion carried 2-0.

- David made a motion to approve the Public and Non-Public minutes for May 19, 2021 as recorded.

Maury seconded.

The motion carried 2-0.

- David made a motion to approve the amended Manifest for February 10, 2021 due to lost/voided checks.

Maury seconded

The motion carried 2-0.

- David made a motion to approve the Manifest for May 26, 2021 as presented.

Maury seconded.

The motion carried 2-0.

- David made a motion to approve the MS-60A - Auditor Option and Schedule for the 2020 Fiscal year audit.

Maury seconded.

The motion carried 2-0.

- Richard Pratt came before the Board to discuss hiring an individual to become a part-time police officer. He suggests that due to the lack of available trained officers that an interested person be paid while training and further suggests a 2-year commitment be made to the Town of Nelson.

David made a motion to support Chief Pratt's efforts to recruit a police officer trainee. Further, the person should reside within a 30-minute commute to Nelson while in training. If a person is found that is already certified then the commute time may be extended.

Maury seconded.

The motion carried 2-0.

- Pratt, as Forest Fire Warden, then presented details of a newer Forestry Truck that the Town can acquire at no cost through the State Forestry Service.

Following a brief discussion, David made a motion to approve the acquisition and direct Pratt to make the arrangements.

Maury seconded.

The motion carried 2-0.

- Following a request from the Library Trustees and Friends of the Library, David made a motion to approve storage of the Forum Signs up in the rafters of the Sexton's shed provided that a plywood base is affixed to the rafters prior to items being stored there.

Maury seconded.

The motion carried 2-0.

- The Cemetery Board has requested that at least one Selectman attend their meeting on June 15, 2021 when they will be meeting with a Cemetery Designer. The Board agreed that one Selectman will attend their meeting but postponed further discussion until Gary is back for the next Select Board.

- Following an inquiry on behalf of the Monadnock Folklore Society, David made a motion that no rental events will be considered at this time for the Town Hall.

Maury seconded.

The motion carried 2-0.

They agreed that regular evaluation of the "large group gathering" health risks should be watched closely for now.

- Following a brief discussion, Maury made a motion to approve the use of the Library Lower Level for meeting of Town Boards, Committees, and Commissions with the requirement that all in attendance must wear a mask.

David seconded.

The motion carried 2-0.

- With nothing further, Maury made a motion to adjourn.

David seconded.

The motion carried 2-0.

2:25 PM Meeting Adjourned.

For May 26, 2021

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David Upton, Chair

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Maury Collins, Selectman

***Absent***

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Gary Robinson, Selectman